

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claims have been amended to delete multiple dependency and to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

The abstract of the international application has also been added on a separate sheet in order to conform to U.S. practice.

The claims of the international application were amended pursuant to Article 19 of the PCT. Please note that the claims listing submitted herewith is based upon the claims as amended under Article 19. It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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